

The Branches

Mayville-Gran Lutheran Church

OCTOBER 2026

We Grow in the Word of God

Count
Your
Blessings

Faith
Family
Community



MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00am
Worship at 10:30am



GRAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45am
Worship at 8:45am

Stay Connected With Us!



Listen to us live
KMAV Radio
105.5 FM



Watch us live on
MIDCO
Channel 3



Watch us live or
any time on Facebook Live
@ Mayville-Gran Lutheran



Broadcasted
live every
Sunday!



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Richelle's Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 12pm-5pm

Bible Verse
John 15:5

"I am the vine;
you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing."

All
Things
give
Thanks

Join us on *All Saints Sunday*

November 1st, 2026

Remember · Honor · Give Thanks



*Join us for a Special Worship
as we remember and give thanks
for the saints who have gone before us
and now rest in God's eternal love.*

If you would like us to add
your love one remembered in print
please let the office by
October 25th.



*Their light
continues to shine
in our hearts.*



IN LOVING MEMORY



Wayne Garrett
Marilyn Lande
Mary Baldock
Harvey Burley
Edith Ingebretson
Joe Brown
Susan Cordahl
Sheila Gulson
Doris Domier
Jean Gryte
Eloise Hanson
Gwendolyn Nelson
Delores Pittenger



**Gran Lutheran Church
Worship at 8:45am**



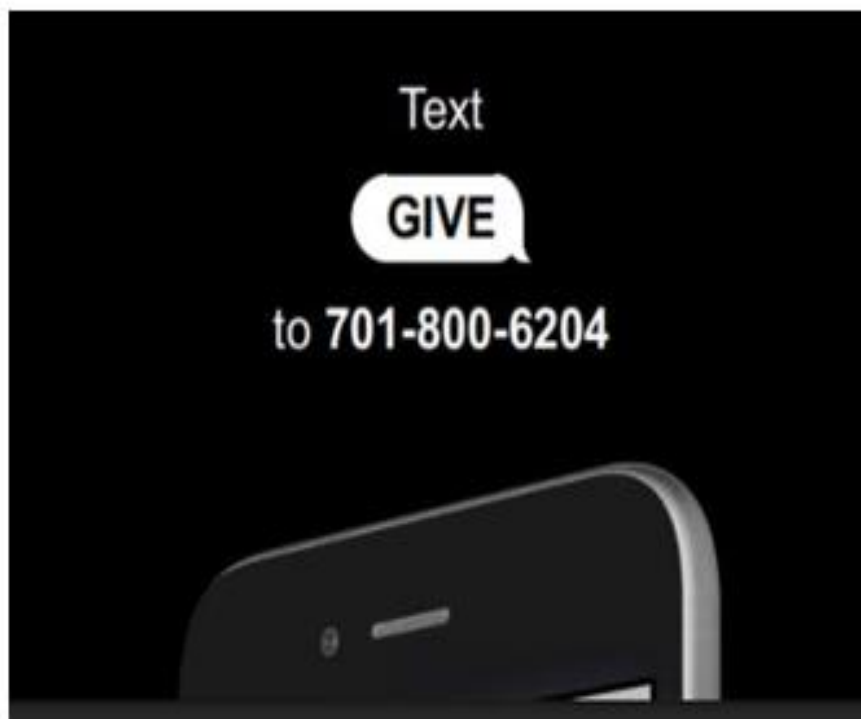
**Mayville Lutheran Church
Worship at 10:30am
for a Special Worship.**

*Blessed are those
who have died in the Lord.*

Revelation 14:13



FOREVER IN GOD'S LOVE



 **WE HAVE
NEW TEXT-TO-GIVE!** 
Mayville–Gran Lutheran
Churches are
transitioning to our
NEW Text-to-Give system!

 **Vanco will be
going away
this month!**

If you currently use Vanco for your church giving, please make the switch to our new giving system.

 Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of our ministry!

 *“Each of you should
give what you
have decided
in your heart to give...
for God loves a
cheerful giver.”
— 2 Corinthians 9:7*

YOU’LL RECEIVE A LINK

1. For your first time click **“SIGN IN”** then **“REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT”**
2. Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
3. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap **“Save Payment”** to use it for future gifts.

OTHER TEXT COMMANDS:

EDIT - Update your account & payment information

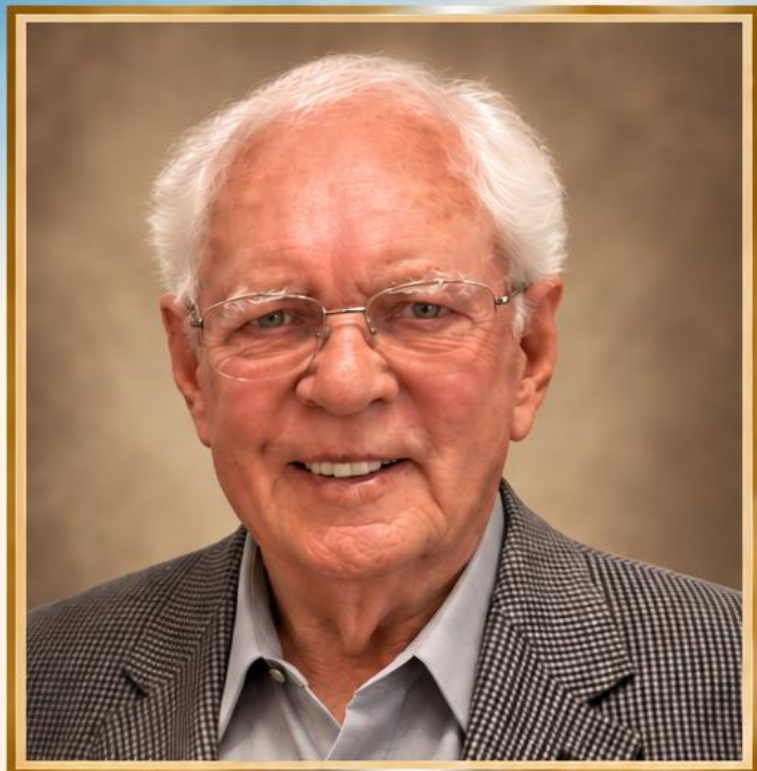
KEYWORD - See a list of Keywords (Funds) you can give towards

REFUND - Made a mistake? Refund your last gift. (15 min. expiry)



**Mayville and Gran Lutheran Church
now have an app!**

Go to your play store in you phone look for Ministry Brands Amplify! Look for May-Gran



Well done,
good and faithful servant...

Matthew 25:23

Wayne Garrett

— 9-27-35 - 9-16-26 —

Wayne will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend — a man of faith, service, and deep roots in the community he called home.

A faithful member of
Mayville Lutheran Church,
he lived his life with kindness,
integrity, and a heart for others.



In my Father's house
are many rooms.
If it were not so,
would I have told you that
I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you
to myself, that where I am
you may be also.

John 14:2-3

Marilyn Lande

12-9-29 - .9-17-26

Marilyn will be remembered for her kind heart, gentle spirit, and creative hands. She enjoyed sewing, craftwork and baking. The projects were far ranging and diverse. She made quilts, aluminum can pop top purses, hardanger embroidery, Christmas ornaments, cards, sewing items, and so much more. Through her creativity, she shared her love and brought joy to family and friends.

Her
Hands
Created
Beautiful
Things
and
Her Heart
Touched
Many Lives.





Looking for a

ORGANIST OR PIANIST

PART-TIME

Organist or Pianist
needed for

Sunday Church Service

at

**Mayville
Lutheran Church**

Sundays at 10:30am

Great compensation!

Contact:



Richelle
218-791-2127



Annette
701-367-5138

METIGOSHE MINISTRIES YOUTH EVENTS

2026-2027



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Grades 4-6

October 9-10; March 12-13



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Junior High

October 2-3; April 2-3



SKI AND FAITH

Junior and Senior High

February 14-15



COME TO THE TABLE

Church Decides Age

March 5-6

Join us for a little bit of camp during the school year.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO REGISTER**

email program@MetigosheMinistries.com
or call 701-263-4788



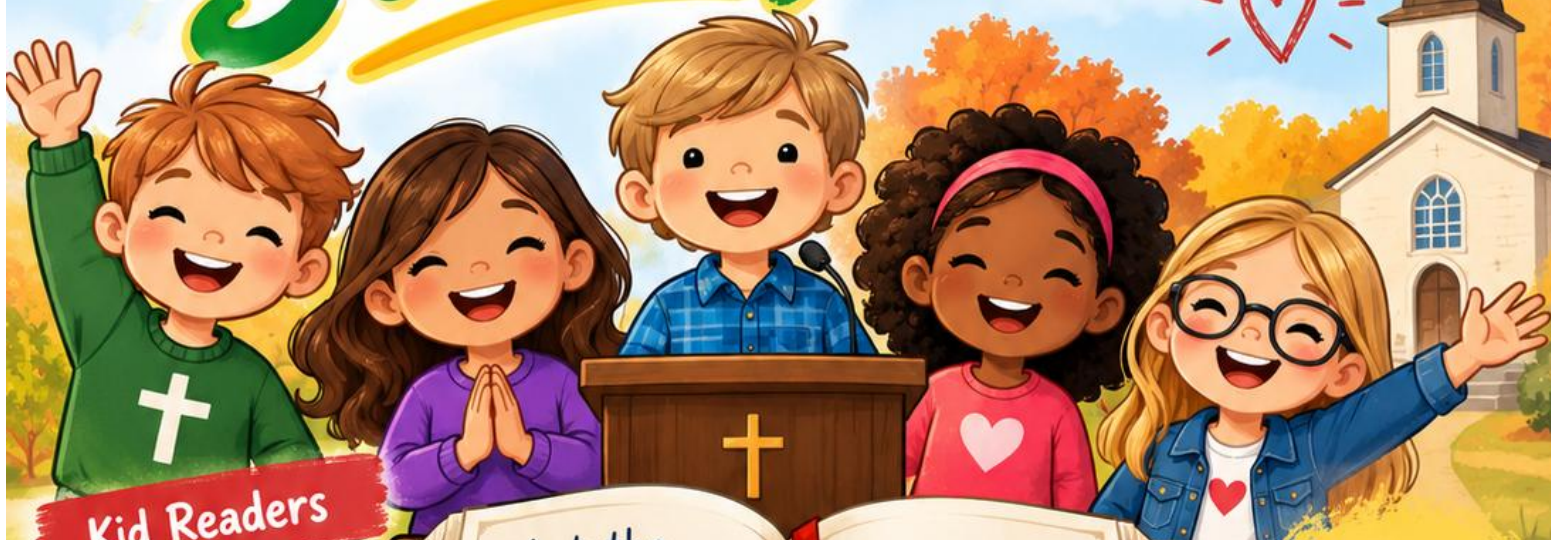
165 Lake Loop Road - Bottineau, ND 58318 - www.metigosheministries.com

KIDS! TAKEOVER SUNDAY

Mayville Lutheran
Church

Sunday
November 8th

Come and celebrate as
our kids lead, serve, and
share their faith!



Kid Readers

Kid Ushers

Kid Musicians

Kid Helpers

And More!

Let the
little children
come to me...
Mark 10:14



Our
Church.
Their Day.
God's
Glory!



We're so proud of our kids!

Join us for a special day of faith, leadership, and joy. ♥

Thank you

for helping us to
reach out to our community
through the broadcast of
*Sunday Morning
Worship Service.*

Because of your sponsorship we are able
to do this **very important ministry.**

Every morning at 10:30am we broadcast
worship on the



RADIO
(KMAV 105.5)

and
on



CABLE TV
(Midcontinent)

The cost of sponsorship is

\$60.00
for the Radio

\$40.00
for the TV



**We have many opportunities
available every month!**

Recognize Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Baptisms, Graduations, Confirmation
in memory of, in honor of,
or just because!

Thank you very much

for touching people's lives with God's Word
and for keeping in contact with those who are
unable to attend with us every Sunday!

MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are the only church in the Mayville-Portland area
that can broadcast on the radio and TV.



ON RADIO
Your message.
Heard locally.



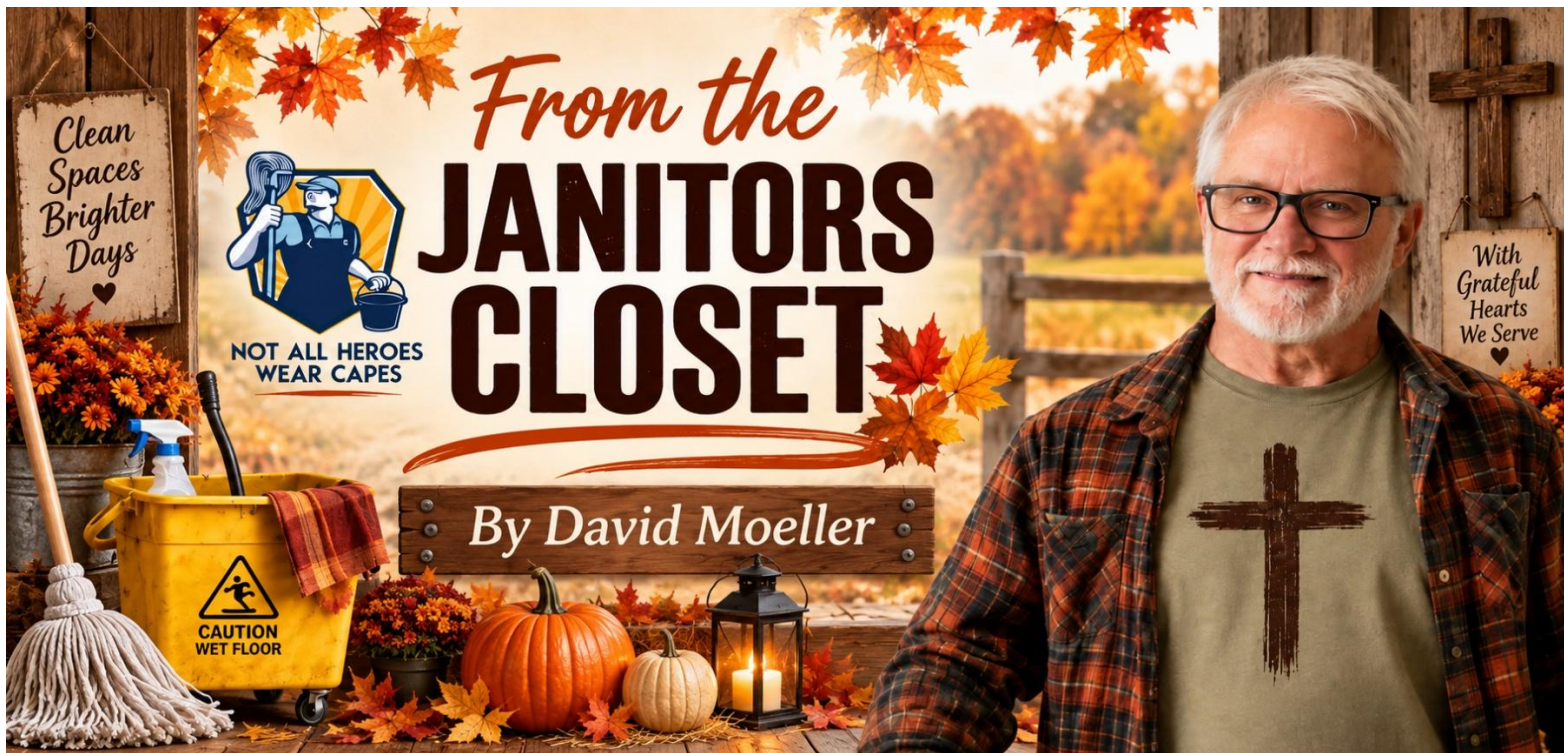
ON TV
Your brand.
Seen widely.



ON FACEBOOK
Your story.
Shared daily.

Thank you
for supporting our community and ministry!





Wipe the Dust Off Your Bibles

We believe in the Bible as the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. We stand firm on the Word of God. The Bible is the absolute source of truth. Therefore it is a perfect guide for our lives. It is a source of guidance, peace, and more. Psalm 25:5 says, **“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”** We get that guidance from reading the Bible. Matthew 4:4 **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”** That is what the Bible is: It is the Word of God.

Isaiah 30:21 tells us, **“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.”** We need the direction the Bible gives us each and every day.

In order to be committed to the Word of God we must be engaged with the Word of God on a regular basis and allow it to shape us into the men and women that God wants us to be. We are to be doers of the Word, not just hearers only. Please open your Bible and start reading!



Serving Teams for October 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters and Ushers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	<u>Communion Distribution</u>	<u>Camera</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
Oct. 4 th	Doreen Nelson & Linda Knudsvig	Camden Ree	Mia Mehus & Avery Erickson	Mia Mehus & Avery Erickson	Scott Parker	Veronica Satrom & Arilyn Toomey Adley Erickson
Oct. 11 th	Billie & Aaron Soholt Family	Sheryl Vinje	Mary Hefta	Mary Hefta	Scott Parker	Ellie Chimbur Mia Mehus Lennon Blotsky
Oct. 18 th					Scott Parker	Arilyn Toomey
Oct. 25 th					Scott Parker	Veronica Satrom & Lennon Blotsky

MISSION
of the
MONTH



**This Mission of the Month
is NOT Tax-Deductible as
Tiny Town is a for profit
business.**

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27 <u>Communion Sunday</u> Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - 10:00am MLC Worship - 10:30am	28	29	30 Confirmation 4:00pm - 5:00pm	1	2	3
4 <u>Communion Sunday</u> Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - 10:00am MLC Worship - 10:30am 9th Grade Confirmation meets after worship	5	6	7 Confirmation 4:00pm - 5:00pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<u>Communion Sunday</u> Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - 10:00am MLC Worship - 10:30am	Pillow Cases in MLC Son Room 8am-5pm		early dismissal @ MPCG NO Confirmation			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<u>Communion Sunday</u> Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - 10:00am MLC Worship - 10:30am			Confirmation 4:00pm - 5:00pm	NO School NDEA	NO School NDEA	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY <u>Communion Sunday</u> Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - NO Sunday School MLC Worship - 10:30am			Confirmation 4:00pm - 5:00pm			

Sunday School Dates

The following is what we anticipate the Sunday School year to look like at Mayville Lutheran. There could be changes - I'll do my best to share any updates in a timely fashion. We'll share updates on plans for the kids to sing in church if we add any dates to the calendar.

September

13 - Rally Sunday (sing in church)
20 - 10:00 S. School
27 - 10:00 S. School

October

4 - 10:00 S. School
4 - Parent meeting TBA
11 - 10:00 S. School
18 - 10:00 S. School
25 - No S. School (school break)

November

1 - 10:00 S. School
8 - 10:00 S. School
(Kids take over church day!)
15 - 10:00 S. School
22 - 10:00 S. School
29 - No S. School (school break)

December

6 - 10:00 S. School
13 - 10:00 S. School
20 - S. School (Christmas Program)
27 - No S. School (school break)

January

3 - No S. School (school break)
10 - 10:00 S. School
17 - No S. School (school break)
24 - 10:00 S. School
31 - 10:00 S. School

February

7 - 10:00 S. School
14 - 10:00 S. School
(Kids take over church day!)
21 - No S. School (school break)
28 - 10:00 S. School

March

7 - No S. School (school break)
14 - 10:00 S. School
21 - 10:00 S. School
(sing in church)
28 - No S. School (Easter Sunday)

April

4 - 10:00 S. School
11 - 10:00 S. School
18 - 10:00 S. School
25 - 10:00 S. School

May

2 - 10:00 S. School
9 - 10:00 S. School
(Last day + sing in church)

Finger Maize



Supplies:

- Yellow, orange, and red paint
- White paper
- Your fingers!
- Optional: green paint for husks

Directions:

1. Paint your fingertip with yellow, orange, or red paint.
2. Press your finger on the paper to make a kernel.
3. Continue making rows of kernels until your corn cob is filled.
4. Use green paint to add the husks.
5. Let it dry and enjoy your finger maize!

Give Thanks
for God's
Bountiful Blessings!



JAM

Junior

Pre K – 5th Grade

Kids
are a
gift from
God!
♥
Psalm 127:3

Faith
Friends
Fun!
♥

Grow
Learn
Belong
Together
in God's
Love!
♥



Leaders:
Krista Hogfoss & Jessica Bergerson

JAM

6th Grade – 8th Grade

> **Leader is needed!!** <

JAM is a great time to
connect with children in our
church and our community.

**No experience
Necessary**

Senior JAM

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Faith ♥ Friends ♥ Future



Leaders:
Tami Parker
&
Richelle Mewes

Come, grow in faith, build friendships,
and make a difference! ♥

MLC Council Minutes July 28th 6:00pm @ Tommy's

Tami Parker, Richelle Mewes, Tressta Kunkel, Travis Kraft, Rae Nygord, Mary Hefta, Jessica Bergerson, Pr Paul

Call to Order- President Tami 6:34pm

Opening Prayer – Pr Paul

Approval of minutes: 1st: Rae 2nd: Travis

Additions to the agenda :#6Amplify software

Treasurer's report -Jessica

- Offering: 56% of our budget. Strongest it's been in several years. This is a positive and all are pleased with this.
- Overbudget: specials, snow removal, etc.
- Should now move David to an employee-
 - Waxing floors, mowing, shoveling, cleaning restrooms
 - 3 hours/week, \$20 hour
- Mayville Gran Budget: printing cost is shared is coming out of this budget. Gran may look different on their budget.
- Printing: was questioned previously. \$5,000 was the budget and we are at \$3,000.
- May-Gran music has reached the budget for the year. Higher than budgeted for, however, expected. Would like to add this for the next joint meeting agenda so they are aware of joint expenses.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor's Expense Report – Council reviewed expense reimbursement request, including mileage. Discussed and approved mileage and expenses in full totaling \$671.25 (\$308.13 mi +363.12 supplies). 1st: Rae 2nd: Mary.
- First time at Pizza Shop!
- Organizing things for music. No simple organization for music on demand so has been some work.
- Changing over graphics to PowerPoints. Would like to become more graphic oriented. This allows for music to be integrated. This is a nice addition
- Doing home communion visits. Richelle and Lois have been a big help with this. Has made for some great conversation at assisted living
- Working on confirmation education. Proposal: 6-7/confirm at 8 or 7-8/confirm at 9. Brief discussion, Christian Ed will discuss further at Thurs meeting. Richelle will add to branches once decided upon.
- Pouring chalice- Pastor feels is a great addition.
- Touch and tech are things to build upon. We are different- what makes us different? Something to consider in order to keep and grow our congregation.
- Would like to look at basement items. Lots of things don't get utilized.
- Rae cont. making communion bread. Greatly appreciated and enjoyed.
- Looking at getting new laptop for sanctuary. Need to update software to make things run smoother.

New Business

1. Rally Sunday: Discussed dates. Sept 13th better option, although same day as the car show- would like to have something planned so that people can carry out their day after (football/car show).

- a. Game theme and food idea for this year.
 - i. Wear your favorite team jersey
 - ii. Face painting, cotton candy, popcorn
 - iii. Church provides: hot dogs, invite congregation to bring favorite game day app
2. Tiny town report:
 - a. Internet in basement- completed. There is a modem that is needed for it to be hooked up. Will give a grace period for August, billing would begin in September. Will figure out internet cost for just internet.
 - b. Would a booster be needed so that internet is consistent?
 - c. Lease- proposal that we keep rent the same. 50% utilities proposal now including internet. Proposal for multi- year contract-max 5% increase per year. (3 year contract). Pr Paul has offered to lead lease discussion with Mandi.
 - i. Lease due in September
 - d. Future fence location- due to timing issues kept fence in same location, however, in the future would like to consider back parking lot. Presently, new fence looks very nice. We are not opposed to future location. Would need to discuss costs (Daycare responsibility). Less traffic, safer, etc. Would like to see a plan. Would want the front to be revived.
3. Fall Fellowship Event: What is a group to consider?
 - a. MSU Girls basketball & Men's basketball: mystery dinner?
 - i. Tami will contact Jenna about dates and a plan, Sept?
 - ii. Intention to have boys' basketball to follow, Oct? (perhaps something different)
4. Community resource email request: An individual would like to start a food/goods pantry type of business. We like the idea, but are unsure of the logistics and expectations. Unsure of time, space, etc. Richelle will reach out to ask more questions.
5. Service teams/team leaders/sign-up sheets: great idea. Need to get more involvement and service teams. Team leader should call to fill in spots- that seemed to work out well. A sign-up sheet at the church could also be helpful and could prompt people to become involved.
 - a. Sign up genius and a sign-up sheet in the church. Jess will help with sign up genius.
 - b. Will announce on Rally Sunday. Will also work on creating a document with QR codes.
6. Amplify: Richelle has been doing sessions regularly to learn different aspects of the software.
 - a. App allows for communication avenues.
 - b. Website will be similar to our past one with a few more pieces.
 - c. Melissa (in charge of Sunday school) will have access and be able to update information there.
 - d. Once this is in full use, Richelle will cancel our previous apps and such.

Old Business

1. Library update: Richelle has been getting rid of books. Books are being donated to the Grand Forks Library.
 - a. Some individuals have borrowed books but we have encouraged them to keep them.
 - b. Remodel ideas once the books are gone. What is visualized of this space once the books have been gone? A space for youth to use and hold meetings would be ideal.
 - i. Rally Sunday- let congregation know that they can take books if interested.
 - ii. Richelle will reach out to Fargo library to see if they are interested in books.
2. Committee Reports:

- a. Worship/Music: Annette and Richelle are looking for future replacements. Kathy is willing to help play piano also.
 - i. We will be moving to setting 3 in September. Method of worship will change.
 - 1. Discussion about contemporary service as well another children's service.
 - ii. Also going to return to use of Acolytes
- b. Christian Ed: meeting scheduled 7/30.
- c. JAM: no report

3. VBS overview: Positive comments about VBS. 35-40 students. Positive feedback on dates it was held and 9am-12 seem to be ideal timeframe. Expenses were under \$150. Lots of volunteers and donated food. Will look to do again next year.

Next Council Meeting: Sept 16th

Adjourn: 8:00pm

A Night of Mystery, Food & Fellowship! 🏀

On Wednesday, September 23rd, the Mayville Lutheran Church Council, along with many wonderful MLC helpers, hosted a Mystery Dinner for the Mayville State University Women's Basketball Team!

We were delighted to welcome Coach Jenna, Coach Emily, and the entire team for an evening of delicious food, laughter, surprises, and fellowship!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to our Church Council and all the volunteers who helped make this special evening possible. What a wonderful opportunity to bring our church and community together!

Go Comets! ❤️ 🏀







🏀 A Prayer for Our Athletes 🏀

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for these amazing young women and the gifts and talents You have given them. Bless Coach Jenna, Coach Emily, and the entire Mayville State Women's Basketball Team as they begin their season.

Give them strength when they are tired, courage when they face challenges, and wisdom to work together as one team. Keep them safe from injury, guide them to play with integrity and good sportsmanship, and remind them to encourage and support one another both on and off the court.

May they celebrate their victories with humility, learn from their defeats with grace, and always remember that their worth is found not in the scoreboard but in who they are as Your children.

Bless their friendships, their studies, their coaches, and their families. May this season be filled with growth, laughter, unforgettable memories, and the joy of playing the game they love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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THE BRANCHES

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I am the vine; you are the branches. If you
remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. — *John 15:5*